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DUES: There are still a few members of CAWMC who have not yet paid their 1989 dues. The club cannot afford to keep you on the roster forever. Some of you may have simply forgot to pay your dues, especially without a separate 'Dues Notice' form in Timber Talk. Others may have quit collecting wood or feel that they no longer receive any benefits from CAWMC. If you choose not to renew your membership it would be appreciated if you could write a note to Don, Norm, or myself and explain why. This may help us better serve the remaining members. Thanks. If I have not received word of your renewal you will find a stamp, as shown on the right, on your envelope. Please remit \$7.50 dues for the 1989 calendar year to our Membership Chairman, Don Robb at P. O. Box 724, Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4C2 Canada in order to continue receiving Timber Talk.

PAST DUE

AUCTION RESULTS: When finalized Al Munro will provide a list of the winning bids. I am advised that all lots received at least one bid.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Our elections are this July and a nomination form was sent out in the last issue of Timber Talk. Please consider giving serious thought to running or to nominating someone else. The nominations received to date are: Vice-President - Earl Salterio; Board of Governors: Scoop Lewry, Tom King, and Garry Braunwarth.

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH: In November 1988, Terry O'Brien was elected Deputy-Reeve of Adjala Township (Ontario) after serving two three-year terms as Councillor. 500 woods were printed (in hot-stamped green) for this event. Terry's first municipal wood commemorated her re-election as Councillor in November 1985. Adjala Township is in Simcoe County approximately one hour north of Toronto. Thanks Terry. Terry advises that this is the first time that a woman has been elected Deputy-Reeve in Adjala Township.



Clarence Kramer, retired city policeman, community activist

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Retired city policeman and community activist Clarence C. Kramer, 81, of Nesco Manor, R.D.1, Drums, died at the Hazleton General Hospital Monday morning.

Kramer, who retired from the city police force after 20 years and eight months of service, was active in volunteer fire companies, Boy Scouts of America, Red Cross, traffic safety and the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors activities, among other activities and organizations.

He served two years on active duty with the U.S. Navy and was past commander of American Legion Post 76, Hazleton. He was the owner of the Kramer Nesco Manor Motel and grove in Drums.

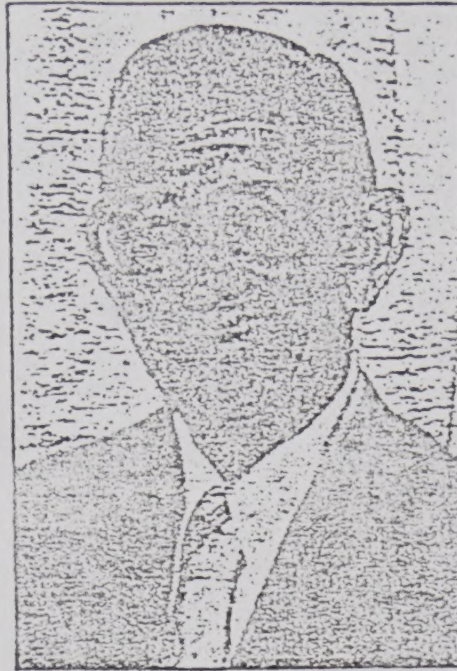
Kramer was a member of the Pioneer Fire Co., Hazleton, and the Six-County Firemen's Association for approximately 50 years, and also a member of the Butler Township Fire Co. and a volunteer driver for the Butler Township Ambulance Association.

During his police career, then-Mayor Joseph Conahan appointed him a lieutenant, but Kramer resigned to return to patrolman status in 1963. He was a charter member and past president of the Police Athletic League.

He was a charter member and past president of the Hazleton Police Home Association. Following retirement from the city force, he was a guard at Atlas Powder Co., Reynolds.

Kramer served as traffic safety director for the Anthracite Motor Club for 10 years. During that time he organized 97 school safety patrols. He was cited for his outstanding work in traffic safety by the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, the National Committee for Traffic Safety and the Bureau of Highway Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the field of sports, Kramer introduced Biddy Basketball to



the Hazleton area and the program grew to five leagues and produced two state championship teams and one national runner-up. As a member of the YMCA swim team, he competed against former Olympic champion Johnny Weissmuller. He was also a member of the Mt. Laurel championship swim team. He was past president of the Boys Work Club at the YMCA.

As a member of the Red Cross for 22 years, he was qualified in all areas of swimming and lifesaving instruction. He taught first aid to student nurses at the Hazleton General Hospital.

He served as a scoutmaster, organized various troops, was an Eagle Scout, received a national award from the Boy Scouts of America and organized the first junior drum and bugle corps in Hazleton.

Kramer was active in the collecting and trading of wooden money and he was a charter member and national president



(1970) of the International Organization for Wooden Money Collectors of Radnor, Ohio. He owned the largest collection of wooden money in the world and was known nationally as "The King of Wooden Money."

He was internationally known for his annual wooden money calendar, which was first issued in 1963 and was a member of nine wooden money organizations.

He served as past chancellor of the Knights of Pythia, was the organizer of the Princes of Syracuse, and served as deputy grand regent for two years.

He also held active or honorary memberships in the following organizations:

Hazle Lodge No. 327, F and A.M., Hazleton; Craftsman Club, Hazleton; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; held honorary memberships in both the 43rd District Boys Club, Roxborough, Philadelphia and the Hazleton Road Knights; Anthracite Coin Club, Hazleton, charter member and past president for two years, Panther Valley Coin Club, Lansford; Tamaqua Coin Club, Wilkes-Barre Coin Club, Thorpe Coin Club, Pennsylvania Numismatic Associates, Wilkes-Barre; Token and Medal Society, Quincy, Ill.

Also, American Vecturist Association, Boston, Mass.; Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association, Washington, D.C.; American Elongated Coin Association, Philadelphia; Chamber of Commerce, Two Guns, Arizona; St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Johns; American Numismatic Association.

Born in Hazleton, he was the son of the late William and Etta (Kreiger) Kramer.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, William E. and Donald.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Mary Robertson, to whom he was married 53 years; one daughter, Mrs. Wayne (June) Goldsworthy, Drums; three grandchildren; and a brother, Howard, Walbridge, Ohio.

Long may the king reign.

Clarence Kramer.

King of Wooden Money.

nials, business and other special events. Kramer's display, which takes an hour and a half to set up, has been on view in Montreal, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Columbus, Ohio.

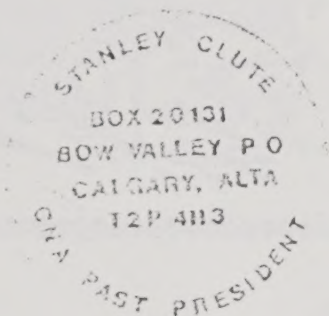
The value of Kramer's collection can't be measured in dollars and cents. "I'd like to donate my collection to a museum so that other people have a chance to enjoy what I have for so long."

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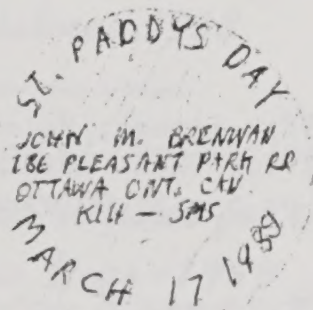
To the average person, a handful of wooden nickels doesn't buy much. But to Clarence C. Kramer of Drums, those wooden nickels have bought a precious kingdom. In 1970 this retired police lieutenant was crowned "king" of the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors for having the largest collection of wooden money in the world. How do you become "king" of wooden money collecting? "I was doing traffic duty when a gentleman asked me if I was a coin collector," Kramer recalls. "I said yes and he gave me several wooden nickels. "I laughed when I got home and saw that wood with my other coins. The wooden nickels were lying there, just staring up at me with some kind of challenge." Collecting wooden money was difficult at the time. "It was tough to find. Many people thought that I was some kind of nut. I had to write a chain letter to try and find other collectors." Kramer's collection consists of thousands of wooden coins from all over the world. His wooden coins include actual currency circulated in some 36 states and dating back to the 1930s, as well as promotional issues for bicenten-

CHRISTMAS WOOD: I said it before and I will say it again! A number of wood is received over the Christmas season. They are shown in Timber Talk over a period of issues. In this manner we can still keep our cost of publishing and mailing down as well as print other information and articles. More Christmas wood appears in this issue and more will appear later. Please don't get despondent if your wood has not been shown yet. It's the luck of the draw. I will announce when all have been printed. If your wood hasn't appeared then perhaps you can let me know.

STAN CLUTE ISSUES WOOD: Past CNA President Stan Clute of Box 20131, Bow Valley Postal Outlet, Calgary, Alberta T2P 4H3 Canada has issued a new wood that is hot-stamped blue on both sides. The reverse incorporates a design of a bronze coin of the Roman Republic, showing the head of Janus, the god of beginnings and endings, looking both to the past and to the future, and for whom the month of January was named. Stan will sell his wood for 50¢ each plus SASE, or trade one-on-one for one of your woods.



ST. PATRICKS DAY WOOD: John Brennan issued 100 such wood hot-stamped in green. He advises that they have all been sent out. (The side with his name is printed in green, the other is hot-stamped.)



A YUKON WOOD: In my file I have a photocopy of a Yukon wood as pictured below. I don't have the wood nor remember who gave me the photocopy, but thought the members would like to see it.



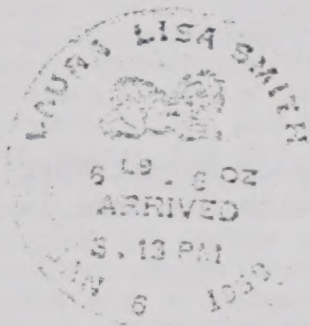
NEW WOODS: Wouldn't you like to see more new issues? We can't print what we don't know about, so p-l-e-a-s-e send in any information you may have about new issues. They don't even have to be local issues. I have received word on new Calgary issues from a member in Saskatchewan! It is better to duplicate the information than not to have it at all.

KRAMER WOOD FOR SALE: Clarence Kramer, a Charter Member of CAWMC, passed away on January 30, 1989. His fabulous collection is now for sale. Inquiries can be made by calling 717-788-2452 collect or by writing to: Kramers Nesco Manor, Rt. 309, Drums, Pennsylvania, 18222 U.S.A. The above was furnished by Mrs. Mildred Kramer.

A BIRTHDAY WOOD: Collector and CAWMC member Albert Kasman had another birthday. To commemorate the event he issued a wooden nickel. His portrait is hot-stamped in green, his name and age is rubber stamped blue and the date stamped in green.



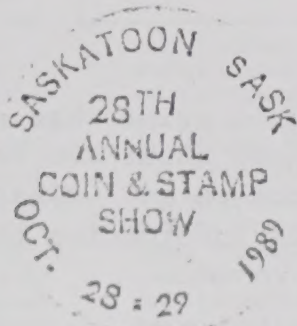
BABY WOOD: The following wood is printed in red.



U. S. WOOD FOR SALE: Clyde Brinkman, Sr.; 5357 So. 98th Street; Hales Corners, Wisconsin, U. S. A. 53130 advises of a wooden nickel for their 26th Annual Coin Show to be held April 7-8-9, 1989. The cost is 25¢ each or 5 - \$1.00 plus SASE.



SASKATCHEWAN WOOD FOR SALE: For sale from Herb Bieber, 2205 Clarence Ave., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7J 1L6 for 50¢ each or 3 - \$1.00 plus SASE. One is Herb's own wood and the second, hot-stamped in blue is of the Saskatoon Coin Club's show in October 1989. Thanks to Frank Harding for the information.

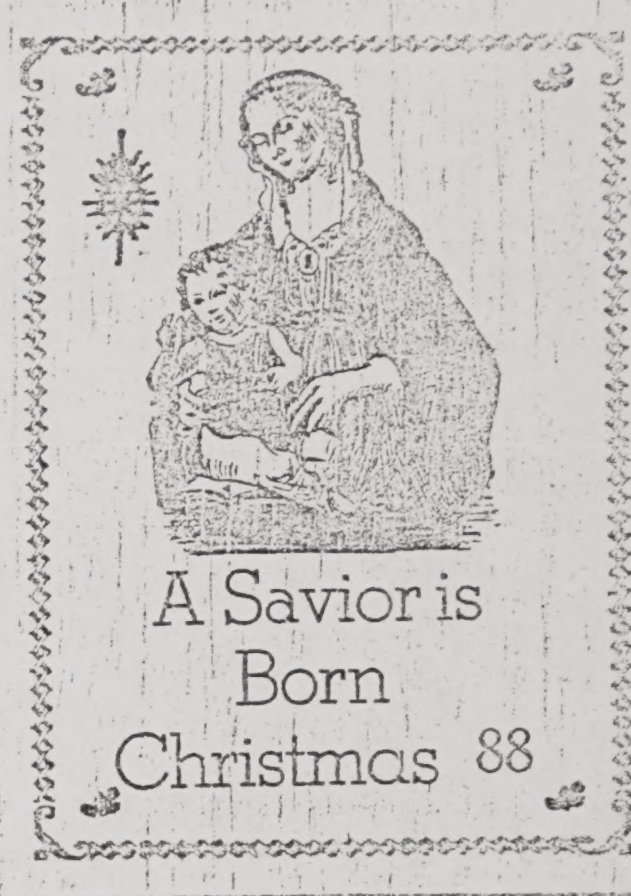


JERRY'S CHRISTMAS WOOD: Jerry Remick issued three wood for Christmas 1988. He has only a few left and will sell them for \$1.50 (for the three) postpaid. His address is: Box 9183, Ste-Foy, Quebec G1V 4B1 Canada. There were 100 of the rounds and 50 each of the flats made. They are shown below.

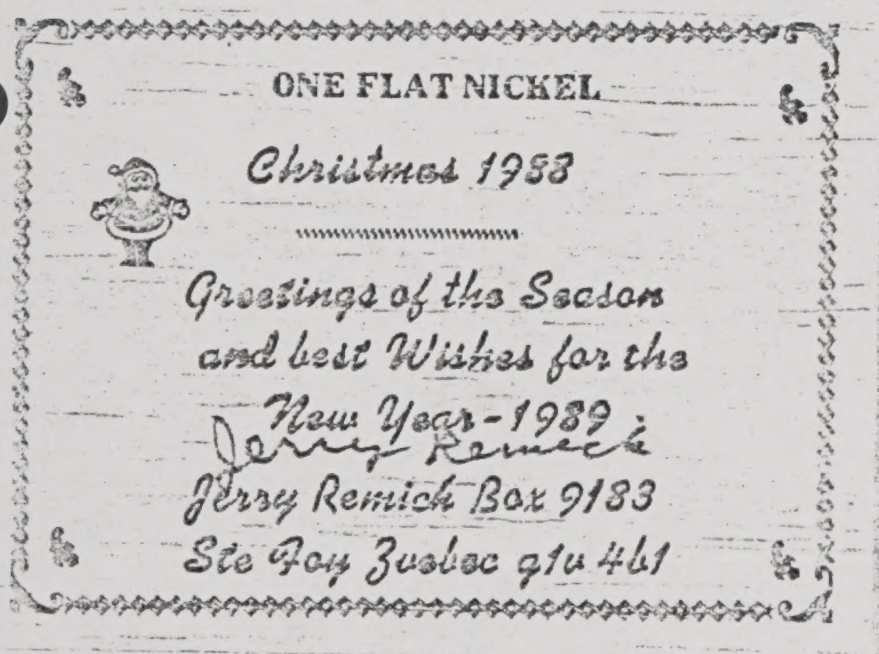


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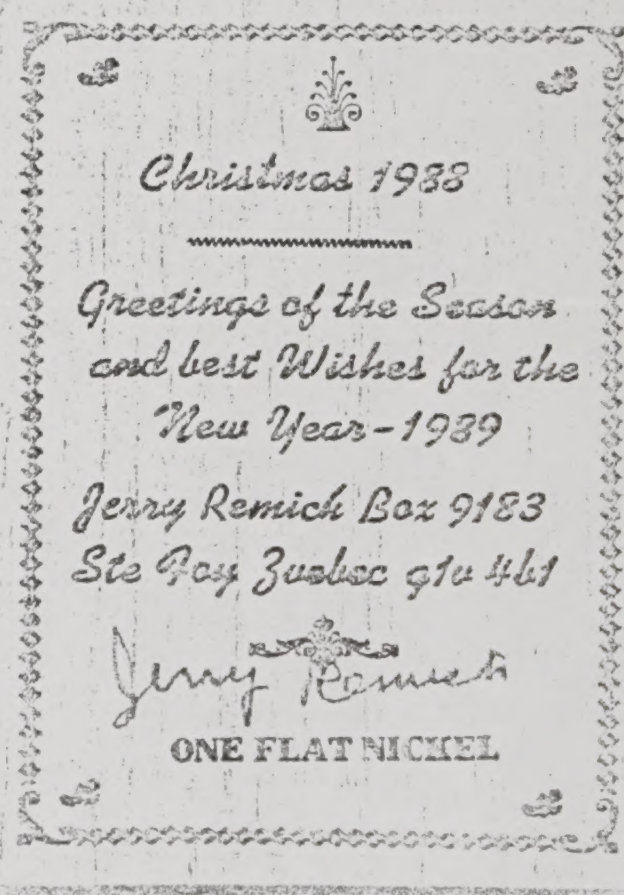
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COIN WEEK CANADA 1989 DIE AVAILABLE FOR WOOD: by Jerry Remick (address on Page 5)
Coin Week Canada has had a die cut with the 1989 CWC logo for use in making round woods. This die may be used free of charge by anybody for making personalized round woods. The die is in the possession of James Deluney, Box 952, Angus, Ontario LOM 1B0. I would recommend having the crest side of your wood made with Jim's bright colors using the hot-stamped process. Your personal side can be made with the cold staped process as the die charge for this is \$20.00 cheaper. The die illustrated below shows the voyageur canoe design framed inside an 11-sided medal with the "April 16-22 Avril 1989" (the dates for CWC) around the canoe design. The 11-sided medal is on a large maple leaf background. "Coin Week Canada" and "La Semaine de la Monnaie au Canada" are inscribed around the maple leaf. The voyageur canoe design is the main part of the crest of the Canadian Numismatic Association and is featured on the reverse side of many of Canada's dollar coins. Numismatist Yvon Marquis designed the Coin Week Canada logo design. It has been used for the 1987 and 1988 Coin Week woods. Stan Clute has just advised me that the 1989 CWC logo die is available for all to use on woods.



CHRISTMAS WOOD:

*A Train Load
of Wishes*



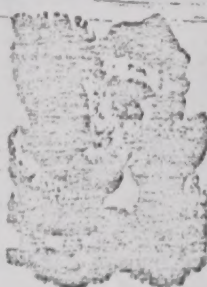
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